

**BEFORE THE FLORIDA JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA**

**INQUIRY CONCERNING A
JUDGE GREGORY P. HOLDER
NO. 01-303**

**Florida Supreme Court
Case Number: SC02-33**

STIPULATION

The Florida Judicial Qualifications Commission (the "Commission") and Judge Gregory P. Holder ("Judge Holder") stipulate and agree as follows:

1. That in 1999, in the State of Florida, The Florida Federal Judicial Nominating Commission promulgated an "APPLICATION FOR NOMINATION AS JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA", containing a series of questions to be answered by applicants to such position.

2. Question 19 of the Application read:

"Disciplinary Matters. Have you ever been disciplined or cited for a breach of ethics or unprofessional conduct by, or been the subject of a complaint to, any court, administrative agency, bar association, disciplinary committee, or other professional group? If so, give particulars."

3. Judge Holder received a copy of the Federal Application and originally read and believed, that Question 19 of the Application meant by means of a pleading or other form of written claim and/or criticism, but not informal, and/or confidential discussions between the judge and members of the Commission and, not to be disclosed, as mandated by the prohibitions of FJQCR 23(a). Nonetheless, Judge Holder admits that his answer to Question 19 in the Application was incorrect, given the Commission's broad interpretation of this question.

4. The Commission reasonably read and in good faith believed, that Question 19 of the Federal Nominating Commission Application meant any and all complaints about Judge Holder received by the Commission, including confidential discussions between the Chairman and other members of the Commission and Judge Holder regarding matters (allegations) that did not result in the issuance of a Notice of Investigation pursuant to FJQCR 6(b).

5. Judge Holder acknowledges that Question 19 of the Application is reasonably construed in the manner set forth by the Commission, admits that his answer to Question 19 of the Application was incorrect, and in hindsight, regrets his answer to the question.

6. Judge Holder accepts and adopts the Commission's reading of Question 19, and will from this day forward answer any such like or similar question in accordance with the Commission's broad interpretation.

7. Judge Holder apologizes for his error to the Commission and the citizens of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, State of Florida.

WHEREFORE, the parties stipulate and agree that the formal charges filed herein against Judge Gregory P. Holder be dismissed.

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